

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application*

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A thrust needle bearing employing lubricating oil and having a rolling element (2) held by a cage (3) and rolling on a race (1a, 1b), wherein  
the value of the arithmetic average roughness Ra of said rolling element (2) is set to at least 0.03  $\mu\text{m}$  and at most 0.15  $\mu\text{m}$ .
2. (Currently Amended) The thrust needle bearing according to claim 1, wherein  
the value of the arithmetic average roughness Ra of a pocket guide face of said cage (3) is set to at most 0.4  $\mu\text{m}$ .
3. (Currently Amended) The thrust needle bearing according to claim 1, wherein  
the value of the arithmetic average roughness Ra of said race (1a, 1b) is set to at most 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$ .
4. (Original) The thrust needle bearing according to claim 1, used in a compressor for an air conditioner.
5. (Original) The thrust needle bearing according to claim 1, used in an automatic transmission.
6. (Currently Amended) A thrust needle bearing employing lubricating oil and having a rolling element (2) held by a cage (3) and rolling on a race (1a, 1b), wherein  
the clearance between a pocket guide face of said cage (3) and said rolling element (2) is set to at least 60  $\mu\text{m}$  and at most 130  $\mu\text{m}$ .
7. (Currently Amended) The thrust needle bearing according to claim 6, wherein  
said cage (3) is a W-type cage.

8. (Currently Amended) The thrust needle bearing according to claim 6, wherein the value of the arithmetic average roughness Ra of said rolling element (2) is set to at least 0.03  $\mu\text{m}$  and at most 0.15  $\mu\text{m}$ .

9. (Original) The thrust needle bearing according to claim 6, used in a compressor for an air conditioner.

10. (Original) The thrust needle bearing according to claim 6, used in an automatic transmission.